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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF—

LEMPSTER

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1904

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Statement.

Taxes assessed April 1, 1903:	$4,022.21
State tax for 1903,	276.25
County tax for 1903,	512.08
Town charges,	1,700.00
Highways and bridges,	800.00
School money required by law,	390.00
Extra school money,	175.00
Town library,	50.00

Rate of taxation $2.48 on each $100.

INVOICE TAKEN APRIL 1, 1903.

Polls,	116,	$ 11,600.00
Horses,	178,	8,798.00
Oxen,	30,	1,448.00
Cows,	260,	6,142.00
Other neat stock,	120,	2,400.00
Sheep,	134,	344.00
Hogs,	1,	10.00
Fowls,	225,	70.00
Carriages,	1,	100.00
Money on hand or on deposit,		1,200.00
Stock in trade,		5,816.00
Stock in banks,		500.00
Mills and machinery,		4,780.00
Improved and unimproved land and buildings,		119,168.00
		$162,378.00

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	$ 828.35
Borrowed of Harriet M. Butler,	1,909.00
Borrowed of Albert Noyes & Son,	220.79
Received of town clerk, dog licenses,	74.60
Received of selectmen, rent on school land,	12.25
Received from state, bounty on hedgehogs,	86.50
Railroad tax,	25.64
Literary fund,	50.74
Proportion of state school fund,	135.64
Savings bank tax,	110.05
High school tuition,	3.75
Received of the collector, 1899,	33.82
" " 1901,	12.95
" " 1902,	22.37
" " 1903,	3,533.74
Received of selectmen, interest on above tax bills,	9.04
Borrowed of Wm. Gee,	200.00
	$7.269.23

DISBURSEMENTS.

Miscellaneous,	$1,323.16
Labor on highway,	382.82
Breaking roads,	191.25
Town officers,	241.50
Support of schools,	919.92
Highway receipts,	411.64
Notes taken up,	2,722.24
	$6,192.53
Cash in hand of treasurer Feb. 15, 1904,	1,076.70
	$7,269.23

Selectmen's Report

DISBURSEMENTS.

TOWN OFFICERS.

ORDER NO.		
9	L. A. Noyes, services as supervisor,	$ 3.00
61	and 149 A. W. Welch, services as town clerk,	25.00
66	J. W. Hardwick, moderator,	4.00
71	L. A. Noyes, supervisor,	3.00
80	H. S. Hooper, supervisor,	11.00
91	Jennie L. Olmstead, services, school board,	25.00
93	W. W. Moody, services as sexton,	15.00
94	W. W. Moody, janitor town hall,	5.00
95	J. Frank Moore, overseer of poor,	5.00
96	J. Frank Moore, supervisor,	5.00
134	E. W. Bartlett, dog police,	3.00
139	E. E. Hurd, collector,	28.00
150	A. W. Welch, district clerk,	2.50
161	H. D. Nichols, school board,	20.00
162	H. D. Nichols, selectman,	42.00
163	Hiram Parker, treasurer,	15.00
164	Hiram Parker, treasurer of school district,	3.00
165	H. L. Thompson, selectman,	15.00
171	L. A. Purmort, member school board,	5.00
173	W. R. Haydock, truant officer,	5.00
174	J. F. Wheeler, auditor,	2.00
		$241.50

MISCELLANEOUS.

ORDER NO.		
1	O. G. Eastman, keeping tramps,	$ .75
3	F. P. Jones, recording births and deaths,	1.50
5	C. M. Quimby, use of water,	1.50
10	J. W. Hardwick, paid for entertainment,	4.00
11	D. M. Currier, births and deaths,	.50
12	C. A. Parker, shingling and nails,	10.00
15	J. N. Butler heirs, births and deaths,	.50
17	F. A. Barton, entertainment town officers,	5.75
19	F. A. Barton, examining records,	.25
25	E. C. Eastman, books and blanks,	8.60
26	L. H. Huntley, overtax,	2.45
28	W. A. Bowen, making bulletin board,	1.00
29	Kimball Union Academy,	9.00
32	School board supplies,	35.90
34	H. W. Belknap, coffin straps,	6.00
35	E. C. Eastman, supplies for town,	7.45
57	George Willard, mowing cemetery,	10.00
58	George Straw, drawing tile pipe,	.80
63	Kimball Union Academy,	15.00
64	W. W. Moody, resetting gravestones,	2.00
67	J. W. Hardwick, telephoning,	.90
69	J. F. Wheeler, shingle and plank,	21.05
79	W. E. Clark, births and deaths,	.75
82	E. C. Eastman, books,	2.49
84	F. P. Rowell, tile pipe,	8.00
83	Silsby & Johnson, tile pipe,	12.80
85	and 86 School board supplies,	15.15
87	H. L. Thompson, tile pipe,	3.75
88	A. H. Jacquith, running lines,	2.50
89	H. L. Thompson, running lines,	8.00
90	H. D. Nichols, running lines,	9.00
92	School board supplies,	14.92
97	Barton & Wheeler, printing reports,	28.00

105	E. Russell, keeping tramps,	$ 3.75
107	G. A. Willard, use of water, 1902–03,	3.00
109	F. B. Davis, use of water, 1903,	1.50
129	M. F. Bruce, entertainment,	.75
130	Newport National bank, county tax,	512.08
133	S. A. Carter, state tax,	276.25
135	Bounty on hedgehogs,	86.50
137	F. O. Chellis, legal advice,	2.50
140	E. E. Hurd, trustee,	50.00
144	E. E. Hurd, expense selling land,	5.32
145	School board, repairing school buildings,	50.00
146	School board, desks,	67.50
148	W. A. Bowen, use of water,	1.50
153	C. M. Quimby, use of water,	1.50
155	F. P. Jones, recording births and deaths,	.25
157	Albro Baker, damage to road cart,	1.50
160	H. D. Nichols, one-half cord wood,	2.00
166	Selectmen burying hedgehog heads,	3.00
172	F. A. Barton, entertainment town officers,	4.00
		$1,323.16

LABOR ON HIGHWAY.

ORDER NO.		
2	W. D. Thurber,	$ 6.60
4	C. M. Quimby,	4.20
8	George Rowe,	1.80
13	Wm. Gee,	1.50
24	E. F. Tandy,	2.75
30	G. Willard,	16.80
31	C. Carver,	6.00
36	C. P. Bean,	5.32
37	G. A. Willard,	6.81
38	L. D. Moody,	2.02
39	E. E. Howe,	3.00
40	L. D. Moody,	2.55
41	E. E. Howe,	5.00

43	C. H. Pitkin,	$ 6.00
44	M. A. Pitkin,	10.50
45	Wm. Gee,	14.85
46	Herman Moody,	15.00
47	George H. Baker,	6.00
48	G. H. Straw,	4.65
49	W. D. Thurber,	23.10
50	Geo. Carver,	.69
51	F. J. Straw,	12.30
52	Geo. Quimby,	6.15
53	O. G. Eastman,	8.85
54	W. S. Lombard,	13.50
55	C. H. Neal,	4.50
56	Herman Moody,	3.00
60	Herman Moody,	27.99
65	E. W. Bartlett,	3.90
68	A. K. Hodgman,	16.80
70	J. F. Wheeler, labor and housing roller,	5.60
72	L. H. Nichols,	7.50
73	H. D. Nichols,	30.90
74	Geo. Quimby,	1.05
75	W. A. Putnam, gravel and labor,	3.72
76	F. J. Straw,	15.00
77	F. J. Straw,	4.50
78	H. McKenzie,	3.00
98	Wm. Gee,	1.50
106	G. A. Willard,	1.13
113	H. S. Pollard,	2.55
115	F. G. Pollard,	2.85
116	I. H. Hodgman,	33.90
119	I. H. Hodgman, 250 ft. bridge plank,	3.00
124	A. A. Gee,	1.05
128	W. A. Putnam, gravel,	2.00
168	G. W. and E. E. Hurd,	12.75
179	F. W. Huntoon,	8.69
		$382.82

BREAKING ROADS.

ORDER NO.		
6	C. H. Gile,	$ 5.70
14	A. A. Gee,	1.35
16	Herman Moody,	3.00
18	F. A. Barton,	3.75
20	H. W. Gee,	6.15
21	O. G. Huntley,	8.85
22	I. H. Hodgman,	3.75
23	E. F. Tandy,	3.07
33	W. S. Kempton,	4.80
62	H. D. Nichols,	4.05
81	F. E. Straw,	4.80
99	H. M. Bingham,	1.27
100	W. H. French,	2.70
101	Ira S. Pollard,	1.12
102	W. P. Hodgman,	9.60
103	Geo. H. Straw,	2.25
104	E. E. Howe,	2.25
108	E. E. Hurd,	2.70
110	F. B. Davis,	5.93
111	G. A. Willard,	5.09
112	E. F. Tandy,	4.20
114	H. S. Pollard,	1.80
117	I. H. Hodgman,	1.65
118	C. W. Grant,	3.60
120	L. H. Huntley,	1.20
121	O. C. Huntley,	17.85
122	G. C. Bassett,	7.05
123	L. D. Moody,	.75
125	A. A. Gee,	2.40
126	W. S. Kempton,	10.35
127	C. H. Pitkin,	3.15
132	O. G. Eastman,	3.00
136	H. L. Thompson	1.42

143 C. H. Gile,	$ 1 70
147 L. A. Purmort,	3.75
151 W. D. Thurber,	4.50
152 C. M. Quimby,	7.50
154 A. L. Benway,	3.15
156 Albro Baker,	1.25
158 J. F. Wheeler,	21.00
159 H. D. Nichols,	3.60
169 G. W. and E. E. Hurd,	4.20
	$191.25

RECEIPTS FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAY.

W. W. Moody,	$ 5.20
W. P. Hodgman,	17.10
H. M. Bingham,	7.80
E. W. Bartlett,	3.22
G. R. Gassett,	4.80
W. N. Stowell,	14.63
W. D. Thurber,	7.35
A. B. George,	3.07
H. S. Hooper,	13.20
H. S. Hooper,	11.55
H. S. Hooper,	4.35
Mark Allen,	7.35
O. G. Eastman,	1.80
Gile and Perkins,	9.00
E. E. Hurd,	2.77
C. H. Pitkin,	25.80
F. E. Baldwin,	12.15
Herman Moody,	3.00
H. L. Thompson,	21 00
F. B. Davis,	2.25
L. A. Noyes,	9.78
Geo. Quimby,	4.97
H. McKenzie,	3.90

F. Newton,	$ 5.70
F. Newton,	9.45
W. S. Kempton,	7.50
C. M. Booth,	6.90
O. G. Eastman,	3.45
C. E. Allen;	1.50
Wm. Gee,	1.50
Wm. Gee,	3.65
L. D. Moody,	.49
L. D. Moody,	1.24
L. D. Moody,	1.25
A. L. Benway,	6.23
C. M. Quimby,	18.40
W. F. Felch,	.81
G. R. Gassett,	.75
F. E. Straw,	1.50
E. E. Howe,	11.10
Herman Moody,	3.70
J. O'Brien,	10.50
F. A. Barton,	7.50
L. D. Moody,	.49
Wm. Millen,	4.80
G. H. Straw,	6.80
A. A. Gee,	1.95
L. A. Purmort,	20.00
W. S. Kempton,	4.05
F. E. Booth,	22.10
C. W. Sabine,	12.75
R. H. Morgan,	7.20
Geo. Rowe,	6.00
E. LaBombard,	3.00
F. O. Berquist,	5.35
M. Noyes,	1.31
L. W. Bond,	16.68
	$411.64

INDORSEMENTS AND NOTES TAKEN UP.

ORDER NO.		
7	Harriet M. Butler,	$2,221.25
42	E. H. Carr, interest on Glidden notes,	42.00
59	Mrs. A. J. Parker, note,	30.00
131	A. J. Parker, note taken up,	203.70
138	Geo. W. Hurd, indorsement,	4.50
167	A. Noyes & Son, notes taken up,	220.79
		$2,722.24

Report of Overseer of Poor.

May term, 1903, received of county, $20.68

COUNTY CHARGES.

May term—	Willie Hunt,	$12.08	
"	Robert W. Booth,	4.85	
"	Tramps,	3.75	
			$20.68

J. FRANK MOORE, Overseer of Poor.

Report of Tax Collector.

Tax assessed 1903,		$4,040.55
Amount tax collected,	$3,533.74	
" abated,	24.82	
" uncollected Feb. 15, 1904,	481.99	
		$4,040.55
Interest paid on above bill,		1.79
Remaining on tax bill of 1902, Feb. 15, 1903,		$78.35
Amount tax collected,	$22.37	
" abated,	9.18	
" uncollected Feb. 15, 1904,	46.80	
		$78.35
Interest paid on above bill,		.77
Remaining on tax bill of 1901, Feb. 15, 1903,		$23.37
Amount tax collected,	$12.95	
" abated,	2.28	
" uncollected Feb. 15, 1904,	8.14	
		$23.37
Interest paid on above bill,		1.34
Remaining on tax bill of 1899, Feb. 15, 1903,		$47.82
Amount tax collected,	$33.82	
" uncollected Feb. 15, 1904,	14.00	
		$47.82
Interest paid on above bill,		5.14

ELBERT E. HURD, Collector.

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN FEB. 15, 1904.

Universalist society,	$650.00
Huldah W. Glidden,	200.00
Huldah W. Glidden,	500.00
Harriet M. Butler,	1,909.00
George W. Hurd,	150.00
A. Noyes & Son,	220.79
Mrs. Charles M. Booth,	100.00
William Gee,	200.00
Elizabeth Town,	18.00
Minerva Libbey,	40.00
	$3,987.79
Interest on the above notes,	158.00
Honey fund,	300.00
Hosley fund,	300.00
Total liabilities, Feb. 15, 1904,	$4,745.79

ASSETS FEB. 15, 1904.

In hands of treasurer,	$1,076.70
Due from E. E Hurd, collector, 1903,	481.99
" " 1902,	46.80
" " 1901,	8.14
" " 1899,	14.00
Due for support of tramps,	3.75
	$1,631.38
Net debt of town Feb. 15, 1904.	$3,114,41
Net debt of town Feb. 15, 1903,	$3,804.30
Decrease of debt,	$689.89

HERBERT D. NICHOLS, } Selectmen of
H. L. THOMPSON, } Lempster.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseer of the Poor, and Collector, and find them correct.

J. F. WHEELER, Auditor.

Library Trustees' Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, 1903,	$26.38	
Received from town,	50.00	
Received from Wanamaker, rebate on books,	6.92	
Received from fines,	.35	
		$83.65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Librarian's salary,	$15.00	
Paid for books,	52.87	
Paid for oil,	.76	
Paid for postage,	.14	
		$68.77
Cash on hand,		$14.88

W. R HAYDOCK, }
E. E. HURD, } Library Trustees.

Report of the Town Clerk.

A. W. Welch, Town Clerk, in account with the town on dog licenses:

June 1st,	32 male dogs at $2.00,	$64.00
"	3 female dogs at $5.00,	15.00
Aug.	2 male dogs licensed for 9 months,	3.00
		$82.00
Thirty-seven license fees at .20,		7.40
Balance paid treasurer,		$74.60

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. WELCH, Town Clerk.

Report of School Board.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in hands of treasurer Feb. 15, 1903,	$ 40.45	
School tax,	390.00	
Rent of school land,	29.16	
Asa Way fund, (interest on),	26.82	
Literary fund,	50.74	
Proportion of school fund, sec. 6, chap. 77, pamph. laws 1899,	135.64	
From the town, as per vote of the district,	175.00	
From the town, to replace money borrowed last year to pay for desks,	17.94	
Balance on dog licenses, 1902,	94.62	
		$960.37

EXPENDITURES.

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Susie B. Hurd.	No. 2, 30 weeks,	$180.00	
Ethel E. Fosburgh,	" 1, 10 "	60.00	
Annie F. Connor,	" 1, 20 "	120.00	
Cora F. Booth,	" 4, 21 "	126.00	
Gertrude Raftery,	" 4, 9 "	54.00	
Jessa S. McDaniel,	" 5, 10 "	60.00	
Mary G. Ryan,	" 5, 20 "	120.00	
			$720.00

WOOD.

C. H. Pitkin, 1½ cords,	$6.00	
H. D. Nichols, 4½ cords,	18.00	
C. W. Sabine, 4 cords, (1902 and 1903)	16.00	
		$40.00

CARRYING SCHOLARS.

Alice Straw, 30 weeks,	$60.00	
Maggie Matheson, spring term,	8.25	
" fall term,	10.00	
" winter term,	9.00	
		$87.25

JANITOR WORK.

Alton Truworthy,	$ 2.50	
Jessa McDaniel,	1.50	
Mary G. Ryan,	1.50	
Robert Pitkin,	2.00	
Ernest Whitcomb,	2.50	
Willie Peasley,	1.00	
Susie B. Hurd,	1.00	
		$12.00

CLEANING SCHOOL ROOMS, VAULTS, ETC.

Martha Newton,	$1.00	
Carrie Mellen,	1.00	
Ada L. Moody,	1 00	
Pearlette Isham,	1.00	
Mrs. Bean,	1.25	
S. E. Straw,	2.05	
Lorenzo Moody, four vaults,	4.00	
		$11.30

MISCELLANEOUS.

Herman Moody, mending stove,	$ .50
Percy Olmstead, picking up shingles,	.55
W. D. Thurber, grading school grounds,	4.50
Wm. Gee and S. H. Makepeace, cleaning stovepipe,	1.00
H. D. Nichols, stovepipe, damper, etc.,	3.00
Ernest Whitcomb, packing wood,	.15
Mary Ryan, supplementary books,	.65
Hiram Parker, six panes glass,	.48

Hiram Parker, five brooms,	$ 1.30	
Hiram Parker. pail,	.25	
C. A. Parker, lumber and labor for four cupboards,	9.00	
J. L. Olmstead, three dippers,	.60	
J. L. Olmstead, telegram,	.50	
F. A. Barton, telephoning,	1.75	
F. A. Barton, delivering telegrams,	.15	
Freeman Newton, removing brush,	.15	
H. D. Nichols, setting glass,	.75	
Repairing schoolhouses,	12.30	
Balance on desks,	10.52	
Telephoning.	.15	
Cleaning mortar from floor,	.35	
W. R. Haydock, moving blockboard,	.75	
J. L. Olmstead, postage and tablets,	.87	
		$50.22
Total,		$920.77
Balance in hands of treasurer,		$39.60
Due from H. D. Nichols for schoolhouse,		$15.00

REPAIRING SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

RECEIPTS.

Order from town,	$50.00	
Amount taken from school money,	12.30	
		$62.30

EXPENDITURES.

C. P. Bean, mason work on No. 1,	$10.00
C. A. Parker, shingles for No. 1 and No. 5,	15.78
C. A. Parker, labor,	10.00
Hiram Parker, nails,	1.22
" 11 rolls paper,	1.10
" 38 yards bordering,	.40
" 1 gal. paint,	1.40
" turpentine,	.20

F. Lufkin, freight on lime,	$ .25	
F. Lufkin, calcine plaster,	.50	
Gregg & Sons, windows, No. 4,	8.40	
E. Lovejoy, painting and papering,	6.25	
F. P. Rowell, lime and hair,	1.50	
A. K. Hodgman, labor,	1.25	
Fred Booth, labor and material,	4.05	
		$62.30

NEW DESKS FOR NO. 4.

RECEIPTS.

Order from town,	$67.50	
Borrowed from school money,	10.52	
		$78.02

EXPENDITURES.

E. E. Babb & Co.,	$69.00	
B. & M. R. R., freight,	6.77	
H. D. Nichols, carting,	2.25	
		$78.02

SUPPLY ACCOUNT (TOWN).

RECEIPTS.

Orders from town,	$65.97	
		$65.97

EXPENDITURES.

E. E. Babb & Co. supplies,	$ 5.95	
" "	24.94	
R. E. Lane, orders, cards, etc.,	.85	
Ginn & Co., arithmetics and geographies,	9.81	
Leavenworth & Green, maps,	8.00	
Ginn & Co., text books, (arithmetics).	14.17	
Freight and express,	2.25	
		$65.97
Received for books and now in our hands,		$1.10

JENNIE L. OLMSTEAD,
HERBERT D. NICHOLS,
L. A. PURMORT,
School Board of Lempster.

Report of the Treasurer

of the School District for the year ending Feb. 15, 1904:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1903,	$ 40.45	
Received from town,	919.92	
" town, (repairs),	50.00	
" town, (desks),	67.50	
Total,		$1,077.87

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders of school board,	$1,038.27
Balance on hand,	$39.60

HIRAM PARKER, Treasurer.

I certify that I have carefully examined the financial statements of the School Board and Treasurer of the Lempster Town School District, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

ARTHUR W. WELCH, Auditor.

Lempster, Feb. 15, 1904.

Statistical Table

No. of Division	Terms--1 sum., 2 fall, 3 win	Teachers.	Wages of teacher per mo.	Length of school in weeks	Whole No. of Pupils	Average No. of Pupils	Per Cent. of Attendance	Perfect Attendance	No. of Tardinesses	No. visits by School Board	No of visits by others	No. in Reading	No. in Spelling	No. in Arithmetic	No. in Writing.	No. in Geography	No. in Grammar	No. in Algebra	No. in Drawing	No. in History	No. in Composition	No in Vocal Music	No. in Hygiene	No. in Book-keeping	No. in Natural History
1	1	Ethel E. Fosburgh		10	19	18	.9065	3	9	4	56	19	19	19	19	8	9	5	19				11	2	
	2	Annie F. Connor		11	20	19	,855	1	5	4	13	20	19	19	19	8	10			3	10				
	3	"		9	21	21	.711	1	13	3	18	20	17	20	20	17	17			4	10				
2	1	Susie B. Hurd		11	15	15	.931	3	0	4	31	15	15	12	12	12	9	4		4	4	15	15		
	2	"		11	15	14	.9837	8	2	3	18	15	15	12	11	12	9	2		9		15			
	3	"		8	15	15	.9466	6	3	0	7	15	15	12	15	12	9	2		9		15			
4	1	Cora F. Booth	$24 00	11	20	20	.839	3	10	3	35	20	20	15	16	9	3	3		7		20			4
	2	"		10	19	16	.916	3	2	2	11	19	19	14	16	12	6			6			4		
	3	Gertrude Raftery		9	18	15	.881	2	12	4	19	18	18	16	16	12	12			12	12	18			
5	1	Jessa S. McDaniel		10	14	13	.983	9	2	3	32	13	13	13	13	11	11	3	13	8					
	2	Mary G. Ryan		10	12	10	.986	9	1	1	6	10	10	10	10	9	9	3		7		10			
	3	"		10	12	12	.9 59	7	1	2	34	12	12	12	12	10	9	3		9		12			

General Remarks

In looking back over the past year's work in our schools we find much to encourage us. While there have been many things far from satisfactory, yet we feel that, taken as a whole, we never have had a more successful year's work. Isn't this true? We have had thirty weeks of schooling in the four divisions of the town. The percentage of attendance, as shown in statistical table on previous page, has been remarkably high in three of the schools and fair in the other, showing a good degree of interest on the part of pupils and parents. The teachers in every school throughout the year have been well prepared for teaching either by experience or preparation in normal schools. New methods of teaching arithmetic, and geography and history taught by topic, have been some of the improvements introduced into all the schools. We know from personal observation that there has been good progress made.

Last fall we started a "course of study" that the schools might become somewhat graded. It does away with so many classes, which has always been the curse of country schools, because a teacher has not time to do justice to so many. If the plan is only carried out for a few years we think it will prove a long step in the right direction. Then if the public examination once or twice a year of all schools combined is continued it must be a stimulus for both teachers and scholars. A good-natured rivalry is a good thing. The one we had last fall was very successful and a good degree of interest was shown by all.

There are always a certain few who would find fault anyway, even if the president of Dartmouth college should be teacher. They would still think they knew more about teaching than even he did. It would not make so much difference if they would talk over their grievances only among older people; but they talk before their children and that brings the trouble into school and no teacher can do their best under such circum-

stances. A little child has implicit confidence in its parents and their opinions, and would have, generally, in its teacher also if no one influenced it otherwise; but when parents are always finding fault about this, that and the other thing the child almost unconsciously takes the same idea and begins to doubt its teacher and then will not do half as good work in school. It seems as if many parents take exactly the wrong stand, not only for the good of the school and town but for their own and their children's good also. The school board looks over the schools and scholars in town and honestly tries to hire the best teachers possible and to do what seems best for all. A good teacher works on the same line in each school—tries to do what is right and best for each and every one. But too many times the parents stand off and criticise, very often without a visit to the schoolroom, and do not try to help along the good cause but endeavor to make it appear that they and their children are abused. They will listen to and *believe* and *circulate* a child's verdict of a *teacher* and *school* when they wouldn't think they could tell a good *horse* from a bad one or trust them to select a print dress. A child can only see things from a child's standpoint.

The only way to judge a school is to visit it often through the year, talk with the teacher about the work, and perhaps get a general idea from what *all* the children say. If all parents will do this and then try to help by working *with* the teachers and school board instead of on a tangent by themselves we might see all the schools in Lempster as harmonious and successful as two, at least, already are.

We think there is a misunderstanding on the part of many as to the obligation of the school board to convey children. We will quote every word that can be found in the New Hampshire laws about the matter. Chap. 92, sec. 1, reads as follows:

"The school board of every district shall provide schools at such places within the district and at such times in each year as will best subserve the interests of education, and will give to

all scholars of the district as nearly equal advantages as may be practicable. They *may* use a portion of the school money, not exceeding twenty-five per cent, for the purpose of conveying scholars to and from the schools."

We have changed Greenleaf's "Complete" aritmetic for Wentworth's Practical. New grammars are badly needed and ought to be procured this coming year.

We now have new desks in all the schoolhouses used in town. We were again obliged to exceed the appropriation for desks as there had been a rise in the price since last year.

The interior of the "Street" schoolhouse has been repaired, as suggested last year, and one side newly shingled. One side of the East Lempster schoolhouse has also been shingled, and new windows put in the "south" one. Some other minor repairs have also been made.

Wishing you a successful school year in 1904, and thanking you for all courtesies received, we conclude our report.

JENNIE L. OLMSTEAD,
HERBERT D. NICHOLS, } School Board.
L. A. PURMORT,

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in the Town of Lempster for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1903.

Date 1903.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Con.	No.	Col.	Name of Parents. Father.	Mother.	Color	Residence of Parents.	Occupation. of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Mother.
Jan. 8		F	L	5	W	Wilfred Ayotte	Ethel Machie	W	Lempster	Laborer	W Farnam, P. Q.	W. Farnam, P. Q.
Sept. 11	Ira Sherman	M	L	14	W	Wallace H French	Lottie B. Allen	W	"	Farmer	Bridgewater, Vt.	Franklin, Vt.
Nov. 4	Dorothy Edyth	F	L	3	W	Edwin S Millen	Carrie Lombard	W	"	"	Claremont	W. Windsor, Vt,

Marriages Registered in the town of Lempster for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903.

Date 1903	Place of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each.	Age	Color	Occupation.	Birthplace of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation.	No. M.
Apr. 8	E. Lempster	Elihu A Russell	Lempster	25	White	Laborer	Plainfield	Asel Russell Maria F Blanchard	Norwich, Vt. "	Farmer Housewife	1
		Mary F Nichols	Brookfield, Vt.	19		Domestic	West Unity	George R Nichols Nancy J Jennings	Montpelier, Vt Springfield, Vt.	Painter Housewife	1
May 4	"	Wm D Thurber	Lempster	27		Farmer	Lempster	Hiram Thurber Martha A Fuller	Whitehall, N. Y. Goshen	Farmer Housewife	1
		Nina L Hunt	"	16		Domestic	Plainfield	Walter H Hunt Abbie F Blood	Colchester, Ct. Plainfield	Mason Housewife	1
Oct. 14	Lempster	Carl A Parker	"	25		Carpenter	Lempster	Hiram Parker Helen G Moore	Lempster "	Merchant Housewife	1
		Mattie E Morgan	"	20		Teacher	Ellenburg, N. Y.	Reuben H Morgan Lois S Giles	Beekmant'n N.Y, Ellenburg, N. Y.	Farmer Housewife	1
Dec. 24	Acworth	Wm E Clark, Jr	"	27		Physician	Charlestown	William E Clark Sophia E Putnam	Manchester Brattleboro, Vt.	Com. Trav. Housewife	1
		Elmira L Mitchell	Acworth	23		Nurse	Acworth	Jona T Mitchell Amelia T Dodge	Acworth Lempster	Farmer Housewife	1

Deaths Registered in the Town of Lempster for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1903.

Date 1903.	Name of Deceased.	Age Y.	M.	D.	Place of Birth	Sex.	Color	Con.	Occupation	Birthplace Father.	Birthplace Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.
Jan. 8				1	Lempster	F	W			Canada	Canada	Wilfred Ayotte	Ethel Mechie
Jan. 24	Averick S. White	78	10	0	Weymouth, Mass	F	W	S	At home	Weymouth, Mass.	Halifax, Mass	James White	Averick P Standish
Feb. 16	Jacob N. Butler	82	0	10	Lyndeboro	M	W	M	Physician	Lyndeboro	Lyndeboro	Jacob Butler	Sara Blanchard
June 3	Marion E Gee	22	6	6	Boston, Mass.	F	W	M	Housewife	Boston, Mass.	Weston, Mass	Herbert E. Jones	Nellie Smith
June 22	Lucy A. Perry	85	0	14	Dublin	F	W	W	At home			Paul Fitch	Sarah Davis
Oct. 21	Asbury F Perley	78	4	6	Lempster	M	W	M	Farmer	Methuen, Mass.	Haverhill. Mass.	Edmund Perley	Sarah Bailey
Nov. 8	Levi H Davis	69	5	30	Acworth	M	W	M	Farmer	Acworth	Acworth	Thomas J Davis	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief:

ARTHUR W. WELCH, Town Clerk.

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